(c) AIFF have informed us that the training academies to the set up by the All India Footbal Federation at Gurgaon and Goa will be moddled on the best bootball academies in Europe and Japan with necessary technical staff.

Preparation for Commonwealth Games

292. SHRIREJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a detailed assessment has recently been made with regard to preparation/ completion of infrastructure and other facilities for the 2010 Commonwealth Games to be held in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposed action to ensure that all necessary arrangements are completed in time for the Games?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Meetings at high levels including the Group of Ministers, Lt. Governor, GNCTD, Cabinet Secretariat etc. are regularly held to assess prearation for the Commonwealth Games. Action Taken Reports on decisions taken in such meetings are reviewed during the course of the next meeting to ensure that required actions have been taken by the agencies concerned. Most recently, the Prime Minister's Office took stock of the progress made and advised all concered to expedite matters.

(c) Government are conscious of the need to ensure proper planning and timely preparation for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 and to this end a number of institutional arrangements have been made. These include a Core Group of Ministers (GoM) under the co-Chairmanship of the Minister for Human Resource Development and the Home Minister for coordinating the various works related to the conduct of the Games; an apex Committee headed by the Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports to oversee preparations; an Organizing Committee (OC) headed by the President, Indian Olympic Association for the Conduct of the Games; and a Committee of Secretaries headed by Cabinet Secretary which is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the decisions of the GoM and taking decisions on other related matters. In addition to these arrangements at the Central level, there is a sub-committee under the Chief Minister of Delhi to take decisions in respect of all matters pertaining to infrastructure and other preparations for the Games within the jurisdiction of the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Lt. Governor Delhi has been entrusted with the overall responsibility for matters comming under DDA and with specific reference to security, law and order. An Empowered Committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Chief secretary, GNCTD, with representatives from all the agencies/ authorities concerned to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of Games-related projects. Another Committee has been set up Under Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development to facilitate clearances pertaining to the Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC). Keeping in view the need for developing adequate tourist accommodation in readiness for the large expected influx of visitors for the Commonwealth Games, an inter-Ministerial Task Force has been set up under the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) for monitoring and coordinating further action in this regard by all the agencies concerned. A Committee for expediting Central Government clearances in respect of hotels coming up in Uttar Pradesh has also been set up under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Locations for the various competitions/training venues and the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC)/Main Press Centre (MPC) have been agreed among the stakeholders. All stakeholders have indicated specific time-lines with reference to key milestones, *viz.,* finalization of detailed designs and estimates, commencement of the tendering process, award of the work, Commencement of the work; Completion of the work; and handing over to OC. The work on all the major sports venue infrastructure projects has commenced an the venues will be handed over to the OC by the end of 2009. Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports has also set up a web based monitoring system to monitor and review the projects related to the Commonwealth Games.

To improve the performance of the Indian contingent in the Commonwealth Games, 2010, extensive discussions have been held with all stakeholders, and a programme for providing training, foreign exposure, scientific backup, equipment etc. at an estimated cost of Rs. 802.00 crore has been drawn up for the elite sportspersons who will represent India in the Commonwealth Games, 2010.

Government have approved project proposals of the Sports Authority of India for an amount of Rs. 1000 crore (± 10%) for the upgradation/creation of sports venue infrastructure; up gradation of the tennis venue by the All India Tennis Association at a cost of Rs. 30 crore (± 13%); and an expenditure budget for the Organizing Committee on a revenue neutral basis of Rs. 767 crore (± 15%) for the 'Conduct of the Games'. The Expenditure Finance Committee have considered the proposal of the Delhi Development authority (DDA) for about Rs. 765.00 crore for the International Zone etc. in the Games Village (the Residential part of which is being developed in the Public Private Partnership Mode) and sports infrastructure at the Village/other venues belonging to DDA. The Expenditure Finance Committee have also considered the proposal amounting to Rs. 257.41 crore of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports for upgradation/creation of competition/training venues for CWG 2010 at the Delhi University, Jamia Millia Islamia University and Delhi Public School, R K Puram.

The Planning Commission have approved the proposal of the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crore. Planning Commission have also approved an amount of Rs. 210.00 crore to the Government of Maharashra for sports infrastructure for the Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune, which is a sub-event of the main Commonwealth Games 2010.

Six-laning on NH-I2

† 293. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to construct six-lanes on National Highway No. 12; and

(b) by when the work would be started and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.